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Attachment to
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NFIB

SUBJECT: Reduction of Classification of U.S.-Canadian
SIGINT Collaboration (S-CCO)

1. During my recent visit to the Communications Security Establishment (CSE) in Ottawa, we discussed the subject of reducing the classification of U.S.-Canadian SIGINT collaboration from SECRET HVCCO to SECRET. CSE is anxious to do this to facilitate their justification of the existence and scale of the Canadian SIGINT effort in light of our collaborative arrangements with the new government.(S)

2. Subsequent research reveals that the USCIB approved such an action effective 15 April 1954 (CIB 000111, dated 31 March 1954) though neither Canada or the U.S. implemented such authority. In view of this fact, CSE has taken steps to accomplish this agreed reclassification. They have also obtained Australian and GCHQ concurrence. (S-CCO)

3. Therefore, I am taking the necessary steps to revise handling instructions within the U.S. family so that correspondence relating to the existence of U.S.-Canadian collaboration may be handled at the SECRET level.(S)

A handwritten signature, likely of B. R. Inman, is written over the typed name.

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Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Director

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